

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 00-1237-A)

PATENT

In the Application of:

Rajgarhia *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/992,430

Filed: November 23, 2001

For: METHODS AND MATERIALS  
FOR SYNTHESIS OF ORGANIC  
PRODUCTS

Before the Examiner:

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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICIAL ACTION  
MAILED AUGUST 22, 2003

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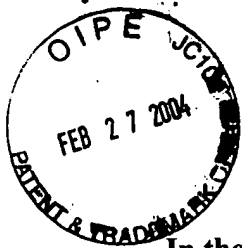
Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed August 22, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Status of the Claims in the application

Claims 3, 4, and 7, as herein amended, and claims 1 and 8-15 as filed are pending in the application. The grounds of rejection in the Official Action have been overcome by amendment.

Applicants note that claims 16-23, which the Examiner has withdrawn from consideration pursuant to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 12, 2003 and responded thereto by Applicants. However, the Examiner has indicated that these claims would be rejoined provided that the patentability of pending claims 1, 3, 4 and 7-15 is acknowledged. Accordingly, Applicants have not cancelled these claims pending re-examination in light of the following amendments and remarks.



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Sir:

In regard to the above-identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached
  - a. Response to Official Action and Petition for Extension of Time
2. With respect to additional fees:
  - a. An additional fee of \$950.00 is required.
3. Please charge the full amount of the fee, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.
4. CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and this paper, as described in paragraph 1 herein above, are being sent by U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22231-1450 on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2004.

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